

**REMARKS**

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of September 2, 2003 and the Official Action dated December 12, 2003.

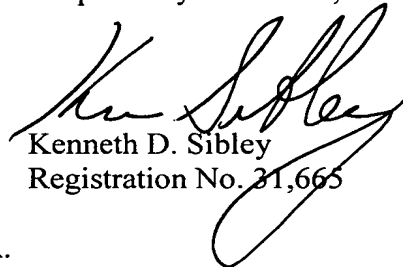
In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the claims go Group II for substantive examination. The Claims of Groups III-VI are cancelled herein, without prejudice to the filing of divisional applications thereon.

Reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement as between the claims of Groups I and II is respectfully requested. These claims are related as process (Group II) and product made by that process (Group I), and hence it is respectfully submitted that these claims should be examined together.

The Examiner's attention is directed to related application serial no. 09/929,788, by the same inventors and with the same filing dates, and assigned to the same Examiner. A copy of the most recent Official Action in that case was enclosed with Applicant's response of September 24, 2003 for the Examiner's convenience.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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